



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

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December 14, 2011

The Honorable Phil Berger
President Pro-Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

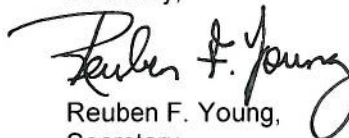
The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
State Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Tillis:

Pursuant to Section 16.1 of the 2011 Appropriations Act, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. With the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, the Highway Patrol has been able to provide life saving equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its core mission—to ensure safe and efficient transportation on our streets and highways throughout North Carolina.

This correspondence reports the Highway Patrol's intent to use \$82,000 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the purchases listed below. As of November 30, 2011, the fund balance for the Highway Patrol's three forfeiture accounts, (2420, 2425, and 2430), was \$497,845. If this request is approved, the new balance of our forfeiture account revenue will equal \$415,845. If you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

Sincerely,


Reuben F. Young,
Secretary

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
1. Use \$20,000.00 to facilitate design and implementation of a software solution to automate the process of completing the required "Stop Form" that must be submitted to the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI). The State of North Carolina requires a "Stop Form" to be completed by all NC law enforcement agencies and submitted to the NC SBI for statistical reporting and archiving.	\$20,000.00
2. Equip 25 additional troopers with a Taser unit. Since beginning its Taser program in 2005, the North Carolina State Highway patrol has 1025 troopers equipped with Taser units. This purchase will include support equipment and extended warranties for the new purchases.	\$37,000.00
3. Equip 25 additional troopers with M&P-15 rifles. Presently, there are only 807 field troopers throughout the state who have been properly trained and equipped with a rifle leaving approximately 755 field Troopers and Sergeants without rifles. The carbines are replacing the Beretta 12 gauge shotguns that are quickly becoming non-serviceable and no suitable replacement parts are available. The carbines afford greater standoff capabilities increasing officer safety, and allow officer entry into hostile environments with substantially more effective ammunition at hand.	\$25,000.00
Total Request	\$82,000.00